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The acquisition of the Dutch quantitative pronoun ER: the role of background language(s)

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Introduction
This study looks at transfer from L1 French and L1 English to the L2 Dutch. We specifically look at the ability to judge and imitate morpho-syntactic and semantic structures with the quantitative pronoun ER.

Dutch
Syntax
- presence vs absence
- if less ER dré
- *if less ER dre

Semantics
- indefiniteness vs definiteness
- non-presuppositionality vs presuppositionality
- *if less ER de héft

French
Syntax
- presence vs absence
- J' EN lis trois
- *I read three

Semantics
- indefiniteness vs definiteness
- non-presuppositionality vs presuppositionality
- J' EN lis quelques-uns
- *I read some

Dutch and French have a quantitative pronoun that accompanies a complex NP modified by a cardinal numeral or weak quantifier. The licensing conditions of these pronouns (Dutch: ER, French: EN) differ.

Materials
- Grammaticality Judgement Task
- 3 experimental conditions (N=30), 15 fillers
- Sentence imitation task
- 3 experimental conditions (N=12), 8 fillers
- Dutch Vocabulary Task, DigiSpan, Questionnaire

Predictions
- Dutch
  - presence vs absence
  - if less ER dré
  - *if less ER dre
  - J' EN lis trois
  - *I read three

- Dutch
  - indefiniteness vs definiteness
  - non-presuppositionality vs presuppositionality
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Comparison results French-Dutch and English-Dutch

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